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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 845.001

First Inventor Andrew J. Wanier

Title WATER SOFTENER MONITORING DEVICE

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification [Total Pages 17]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 20]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 1]
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 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
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 - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
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 - ii. paper
 - c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
11. English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
Citations
13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122
(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
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18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

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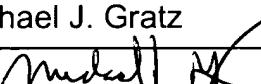
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Group Art Unit: _____

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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Effective 01/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 393.00)

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Application Number	
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First Named Inventor	Andrew J. Wanier
Examiner Name	
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Attorney Docket No.	845.001

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1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	750	201	375	Utility filing fee	375.00
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee	
107	520	207	260	Plant filing fee	
108	750	208	375	Reissue filing fee	
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 375.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	22	-20**=	2	x	9.00	=	18.00	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Indépendent Claims	3	- 3**=	0	x	42.00	=	0.00		

Multiple Dependent

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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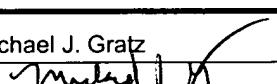
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105	130	205	65	Surcharge – late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25	Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	410	216	205	Extension for reply within second month	
117	930	217	465	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,450	218	725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,970	228	985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	320	219	160	Notice of Appeal	
120	320	220	160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	280	221	140	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable	
141	1,300	241	650	Petition to revive – unintentional	
142	1,300	242	650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	470	243	235	Design issue fee	
144	630	244	315	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	750	246	375	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	750	249	375	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	750	279	375	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

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Re: UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)
Inventor(s): Andrew J. Wanie
Title: WATER SOFTENER MONITORING DEVICE
Attorney Docket No.: 845.001

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$393.00 for filing of the above-identified patent application. Applicant is a small entity within the meaning of 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 and hereby claims small entity status. The application includes 17 pages of specification (13 pages of description, 3 pages of claims (22 claims), and Abstract of the Disclosure), 20 sheets of drawings, and an executed Declaration.

I hereby request that the attached application **NOT** be published under 35 U.S.C 122(b). An executed Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) is also enclosed. Additionally, an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 are included herewith for filing in this application..

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Respectfully submitted,



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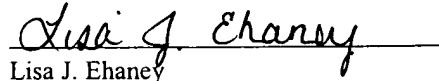
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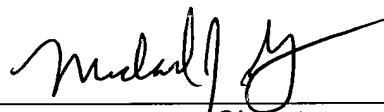
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REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)	First Named Inventor	Andrew J. Wanie
	Title	WATER SOFTENER MONITORING DEVICE
	Atty. Docket Number	845.001

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

September 30, 2003

Date



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Michael J. Gratz

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